

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE LIFE OF L.L. POWELL, JR. OF
ASHLAND, OKLAHOMA

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of L.L. Powell, Jr. of Ashland, Oklahoma, who suddenly died on June 29, 2012. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and the community of Ashland for their loss.

L.L. will be remembered as a dedicated and thoughtful servant to his community. While he will be missed tremendously by all who knew him, he leaves with us a legacy of service that will inspire others to follow in his footsteps for many years to come.

As an employee of the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Oklahoma, where he worked for 22 years, L.L. was part of the important effort to produce and field munitions to far corners of the globe for use by the U.S. military. As many will tell you, the ammunition plant is the pride of southeastern Oklahoma, and no one took its mission more seriously than L.L.

He was a man of many roles at the ammunition plant. In his capacity as president of American Federation of Government Employees Local 2815, L.L. was an advocate for his fellow federal employees. A calm and steady hand, he worked effectively to resolve disputes and problems. Each spring he traveled to Washington to brief my staff and me on employee issues at the ammunition plant. I could always count on him to shoot me straight.

Work was but one place where L.L. made his mark. Always answering the call of duty, he provided a valuable public service to his community by working for the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department. He was an avid supporter of local little league athletic programs, including football and basketball, and participated in local activities such as Pittsburg Play Day, Founder's Day, and the Savanna Booster Club, among many others.

Above all things, L.L. was a man who was dedicated to his family. He treasured his wife, Jeannie, and four children. In addition, he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his twelve grandchildren and close friends.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, L.L. was not only someone with whom I enjoyed working on issues of importance to southeastern Oklahoma, but a trusted friend and confidant. Like his family members, friends, and the community of Ashland, I will miss his presence tremendously.

HONORING JACQUELINE BOWENS,
CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise and give gratitude to Jacqueline Bowens, who, after serving for 25 years as Executive Vice President and Chief Government and External Affairs Officer, is leaving Children's National Medical Center.

Jacqueline Bowens joined Children's National to make a difference. She established the first-ever government and community affairs program at Children's National. She and her team played a pivotal role in recruiting support from regional and national leaders, as well as federal agencies, to make sure the hospital kept pace with growing demands for more beds and increased specialized services for the region's children. Following 9/11, she spearheaded the effort to build the region's first pediatric decontamination and quarantine facility at the hospital, so that in the event of another national emergency, children and their families could be treated together.

Under her stewardship, facilities at the hospital were built, expanded and greatly enhanced to address a commitment to patient- and family-centered care. The emergency room at Children's National was expanded and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, NICU, was enhanced and grown, as was the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, PICU, and the Cardio Intensive Care Unit. Additionally, the East Inpatient Tower was built, the Children's Research Institute was established, the Child Protection program was created, and Children's most-recognized logo—Dr. Bear—was born.

Jacqueline's professionalism and graciousness earned Children's National favored reviews from Congress, the White House, and visiting dignitaries and diplomats from around the world who recognize Children's National as an esteemed, world-class pediatric institution.

I will personally miss working with Jacqueline and can't thank her enough for her tireless dedication and commitment to the children and families of the entire metro region, the country, and the world. While we wish her all the best, she will be greatly missed, as she has become Children's most visible and committed advocate. Ms. Bowens has been the voice for those too little to speak and for their families too consumed with the day-to-day trials that go along with caring for a sick or physically challenged child.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA SCHAARS'
DISTINGUISHED CAREER

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and contributions of a Central Kentucky educator and one of my constituents, Barbara Schaars.

After graduating from North Hardin High School in Radcliff, Kentucky, Barbara received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from the University of Kentucky. A proud member of the Kentucky Education Association, she taught special education, gifted education, first grade, and art in the Anderson County School District for over 30 years before finally retiring in 2007. Along the way, she touched the hearts and minds of hundreds of students.

Barbara's accomplishments speak for themselves. She served twice as president of the Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honor society for women educators. She received a citation for outstanding elementary art program from the Kentucky State Legislature and was honored with the Golden Apple Award from Ashland Oil. As coach of Anderson County Schools' academic teams and creative problem solving teams, her dedication to her students went beyond the classroom.

Since her retirement, Barbara has been pursuing her Masters of Divinity at Lexington Theological Seminary. She is a student minister at Bethany Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and previously served as the president of the Women's Fellowship at the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Lawrenceburg.

Barbara's passion for education, whether in the classroom or at church, inspires those around her and challenges all of us to make a positive difference in everything we do. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing one of Central Kentucky's finest educators, Mrs. Barbara Schaars.

HONORING MARINE SERGEANT
JUSTIN M. HANSEN

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, today, I join all Northern Michigan in extending my greatest sympathies to my constituent Ms. Vickie Hayes, of Vanderbilt, Michigan, as she and her family mourn the loss of Marine Sergeant Justin Hansen. Sergeant Hansen was killed during combat operations in Badghis Province, Afghanistan on July 31, 2012. Justin had previously served in Iraq and was serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

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